MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikum* cum *Kottayam*) : May I know whether there is any direct recruitment as Range Inspectors?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP : For two vacancies, recruitment was made by the Public Service Commissioner recently.

MR. A. J. JOHN : May I know whether in the matter of direct recruitment, communal representation is taken into consideration?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP : The recruitment was made by the Public Service Commissioner and certainly the rules regarding communal representation would have been observed as the appointments belong to the Intermediate Division.

Landing steps on either end of the Muvattupuzha bridge.

269. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the necessity for a few landing steps being built on either end of the Muvattupuzha bridge on the Main Central Road was ever brought to their notice?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR (*Dep'y Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No.

Attingal-Dalavapuram road.

270. *MR. P. NANOO (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any amount sanctioned for the Attingal—Dalavapuram road in recent years has been diverted for any other purpose;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reason for the same ; and

(*c*) the probable time required for the completion of the road?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to (*a*) above.

(*c*) The time of completion depends on the availability of funds and the acquisition of lands.

MR. P. NANOO. May I know when lands will be acquired?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : After the estimates are sanctioned.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) : May I know Sir, the whole length of the road?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : About four miles.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI : May I know Sir, when the construction of the road was first commenced?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : Excepting for a portion of the road, work was commenced in 1933.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI : May I know Sir, the reason for such a long delay for the completion of the road?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : Want of funds.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI May I know Sir, whether last year or the year before the last any action was taken with regard to the portion from Attingal to Dalavapuram?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : The estimates for this road are under preparation.

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